

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

I am very much against a monopoly over our media whether it be radio, TV, print media or internet. I do not want a few CEO's of a media organization choosing for me, what I need to know in the way of news or the type of music or anything they choose to do to add to their profit line. I want America to remain FREE and with our airwaves being controlled by so few people, without giving the public a choice, we are no longer a FREE PEOPLE. The FCC must turn back the rules and regulations that allow this kind of monopoly. We want our airwaves given back to the people and our local stations - where we will have a direct say in what these local stations will produce for us.